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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the International Application and the International Search Report in connection with International Application No. PCT/JP97/02265 of which the instant application is the national stage. Copies of the International Application and its English translation, the International Search Report (both in English and in Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on December 24, 1998 so that the Examiner can see the relevance attributed to the documents during the international examination:

JP-A-7-216001, accompanied by an English abstract.

JP-A-6-219704, accompanied by an English abstract.

JP-A-1-183401, accompanied by an English abstract.

JP-A-61-247601, accompanied by its family member EP-A2-199878

JP-A-1-282113, accompanied by an English abstract.

JP-A-4-170301, accompanied by an English abstract

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following information:

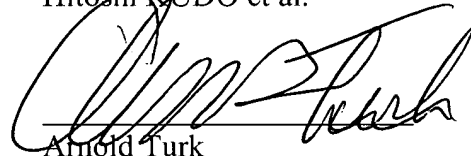
WO 98/00878, a national stage of which was filed in the U.S. as Application No. 09/147,439 on December 23, 1998.

Copies of the above-noted documents, except for the previously submitted International Application and International Search Report, are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Moreover, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned U.S. application is not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application, including the specification, claims and documents cited therein, at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the application or the application is not available, Applicants will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arnold Turk', written over a horizontal line.

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